

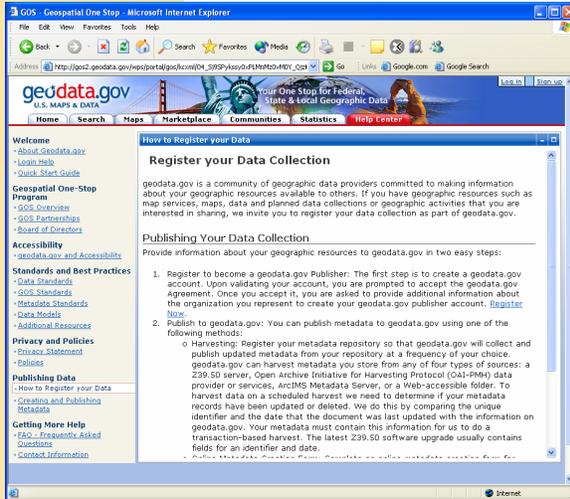


## Creating and Publishing Metadata

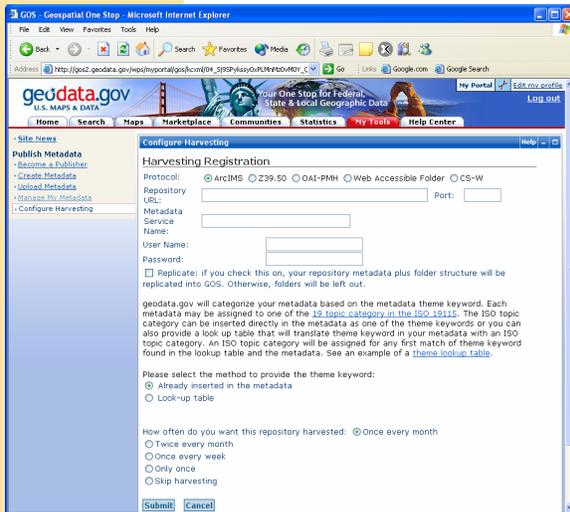
Once your account is created, log into geodata.gov and select the *Help Center* tab. The Help Center provides information on how to register your data, how to create and publish metadata, data standards, links to metadata parsers, frequently asked questions, and much more.

To publish your metadata records, click the *My Tools* tab when you are logged in to view the tools available to you. To begin publishing, click on *Become a Publisher* and fill in the publishing form, then select one of the following publishing methods:

- *Create metadata* and publish it using our online metadata creation form. You can maintain your metadata records on geodata.gov by using the *manage metadata* function.
- *Upload metadata* record from your local computer.
- *Configure harvesting* to input your repository information and set a harvesting schedule so we can harvest or 'synchronize' with your metadata records and publish them for you. You will maintain your metadata records at your clearinghouse and we will reharvest your metadata records periodically.



### Help Center – Publishing Information



### Register Your Metadata Repository for Harvesting

## Publishing a Map Service

First, create a map service implemented with an Internet Map Server that speaks one of the languages used by geodata.gov (either ArcXML or WMS). Next, use your Internet Map Server software to author and publish map services with your geographic data. Then, register as a publisher on geodata.gov. Finally, publish links to your content with descriptive information to assist users in finding and evaluating your offerings using our metadata online form.



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